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Wildfire Safety Training for Reporters and Photographers

Sacramento- Wildfire season has already arrived in Southern California and fire activity is expected to increase in the rest of the state within the next few weeks. Covering a wildfire, even “just a grassfire” can be dangerous for reporters and photographers unless they understand the basics of fire behavior and what to do in case the worst happens. Therefore, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) recommends that reporters and photographers who may be covering wildfires this year take a basic fire safety class such as the one we will offer on **Thursday June 6, 2002** at CDF headquarters in Sacramento.

There are two identical half-day courses to accommodate morning and afternoon staff. We provide all necessary classroom materials.

The training will include:

- How to get the story safely and quickly
- Media access rights and laws
- The basics of wildfire behavior – what to watch for
- Professional recommendations on how to survive in several emergency situations

Dress is casual because we will practice the timed deployment of an emergency fire shelter.

What: Media Safety Training
When: Thursday June 6, 2002
A.M. class - 8:30 A.M. to 12 noon
P.M. class – 1:00 P.M. to 4:30
Where: CDF Headquarters
1416 9th St. Room 1506
Sacramento, California

Last minute attendees will be welcome, but we would appreciate confirmations in order to plan for handouts and fire shelters. Please call (916) 653-5123.

